

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 866

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. James Parks Hitch, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, James Parks Hitch, Jr., MD, is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for many years as a doctor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hitch will be taking a much-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, born December 14, 1944, to James Parks Hitch, Sr., and Elizabeth Garner Hitch, James Hitch attended Maryville City Schools; as a young man, he worked in his father's business, Hitch Radio and TV, had a paper route delivering the *Daily Times*, and was active in Boy Scouts and various sports, including golf; and

WHEREAS, a 1962 graduate of Maryville High School, Dr. Hitch attended and graduated in 1966 from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he stood in good stead as a member of the Sigma Chi and Alpha Epsilon Delta fraternities. He graduated in 1969 from the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis, at which he had been a member of the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, James Hitch was joined in matrimony with Jean Pearson in 1968, and this couple's blessed union produced a daughter, Virginia Kathleen "Ginger" Hitch; and

WHEREAS, after completing his internship at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond in 1971 and completing his urology residency at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Memphis in 1975, Dr. Hitch and his family moved to Wiesbaden, Germany, where he served as a United States Army doctor until 1978; and

WHEREAS, the family then moved to Gastonia, North Carolina, where Dr. Hitch joined a urology practice; Gastonia remained their home until 1981, when they moved to Knoxville and Dr. Hicks joined the urology practice in which he would remain until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hitch is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; he is also an avid golfer and cherishes the memories of golfing with his late father; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Hitch is grateful for the love and companionship of Ann Talley Decker Hitch, to whom he was married in 1987; her sons, John and Steve; his daughter, Ginger; and their five grandchildren, Virginia, Mary Kate, Claire, Frank, and Jay; and

WHEREAS, James Hitch exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Hitch has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. James Parks Hitch, Jr., our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.